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SUBJECT: VOLAL INTEREST IN HANDLING SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION IN  
BANGKOK

1. IN PHONE CALL FROM MIKE HANSON OF TOLSTOY TO ROSENBLATT MORNING 18 FEB, HE INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN COMING TO BANGKOK APPARENTLY WITH PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF SEEKING REFUGEES FOR SPONSORSHIP. WE INFORMED HIM THAT THIS FUNCTION WAS BEING ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON AND THAT WHILE WE WELCOME A VISIT FROM SOMEONE OF HIS EXPERIENCE ON THE REGUGEE SITUATION IN THAILAND, WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES CARRYING OUT SPONSORSHIP WORK IN BANGKOK.

2. WE KNOW YOU ARE WORKING ON SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THE WASHINGTON END AND, IN FACT, THE FLOW OF VERIFIED SPONSORSHIPS TO US FROM WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY GREATLY INCREASED. HANSON PHONE CALL GIVES US OPPORTUNITY TO RECONFIRM OUR BELIEF THAT SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION SHOULD BE DONE BY VOLAGS AT WASHINGTON END. WE LACK SPACE AND COMMUNICATIONS TO DO IT EFFECTIVELY FROM THIS END AND A SUBSTANTIAL VOLAG PRESENCE WILL COMPLICATE COMMAND AND CONTROL IN THE REFUGEE SECTION.

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3. FYI: IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HANSON THAT IF HE

COMES OUT, IT SHOULD BE FOR TOUR D'HORIZON AND  
NOT WITH INTENT OF PAVING WAY FOR PERMANENT  
TOLSTOY REPRESENTATIVE HERE. NATURALLY, EVEN  
STEPPED UP FLOW OF VOLAG VISITORS PUTS A CONSIDERABLE  
EXTRA BURDEN ON LIMITED STAFF HERE.  
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